

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration. By this amendment, Applicants are canceling claims 9, 23, 37, 51, 66 and 82 without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 10-11, 15, 24-25, 29, 38-39, 43-44, 52-53, 59, 67-68, 74, 83-84 and 90 have been amended. As a result, claims 1-8, 10-22, 24-36, 38-50, 52-65, 67-81 and 83-90 are pending for examination, with claims 1, 15, 29, 43-44, 59, 74 and 90 being independent claims. No new matter has been added.

1. Telephone Interview

Applicants and Applicants' representatives appreciate the courtesy of Examiner Arani in granting and conducting a telephone interview on March 15, 2005, between Examiner Arani and Applicants' representative, Daniel P. McLoughlin. The substance of the telephone interview is fully summarized below.

2. Amendments to the Written Description of the Specification

Applicants have amended the written description as shown above for clarification. The several paragraphs added to page 11, beginning on line 32, were essentially copied or moved from page 31, beginning on line 11. These three paragraphs were inadvertently filed in this latter location, and moving them to page 11 clarifies their meaning. No new matter has been added by this amendment or any of the other amendments to the written description, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to accept and enter these amendments.

3. Claims 1-8 and 10-14 Patentably Distinguish Over Examsoft

Claims 1-8 and 10-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 (a) as purportedly being anticipated by published PCT Application No. WO 99/36848 (Examsoft). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Examsoft is directed to a method and computer program for creating a secure computing environment by preventing access to unauthorized files during execution of a desired application such as, for example, an exam application. (Abstract, lines 1-3; page 3, lines 20-22). The primary steps of this method are clearly illustrated in Fig. 2 (Page 3, lines 4-5). Examsoft teaches terminating unauthorized (i.e., non-essential) processes *before* showing a word processing window to a user. (Fig. 2, Steps 40 and 46; Page 8, Lines 9-10; Page 1, Lines 1-3 and 14-15). Further, monitoring functions are periodically performed during execution of the

application, including: checking visible windows to confirm that only active windows are related to the examination, recording exam data and updating exam statistics. (Page 10, Lines 4-19).

Claim 1 has been amended as shown above to recite that the act of prohibiting the computer system from accessing any unauthorized content comprises detecting and terminating any unauthorized processes executing during the displaying of the area on the display device.

Substantially this amendment was proposed to Examiner Arani during the telephone interview. It was agreed that, although Examsoft discloses terminating unauthorized processes *before* showing a word processing window, Examsoft does not teach or suggest terminating unauthorized processes while the word processing window is being shown. It was further agreed that, even though Examsoft discloses periodically performing *monitoring* functions, including checking visible windows, during execution of an exam application, Examsoft does not *terminate* any unauthorized processes while performing these monitoring functions. Rather, Examsoft merely records information discovered while performing the monitoring functions. Lastly, it was agreed that U.S. Patent No. 6,266,773 (Kisor), which was combined with Examsoft to reject several dependent claims, fails to remedy these deficiencies of Examsoft, as Kisor is directed to detecting events, not processes.

In view of the foregoing, Examiner Arani agreed that, if claim 1 were amended substantially as shown above, then the §102 rejection based on Arani would be overcome, and the application would be allowed unless new prior art is discovered on which a rejection can be based.

Accordingly, claim 1 as amended patentably distinguishes over Examsoft, and Applicants request that the rejection of claim 1 under §102 (a) be withdrawn. Claims 2-8 and 10-14 each depend from Claim 1 and are patentable for at least the same reasons. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejections of these claims be withdrawn, as well.

4. Claims 15-22, 24-36, 38-50, 52-65, 67-81, and 83-90 Patentably Distinguish Over the Art of Record

Independent claims 15, 29, 43, 44, 59, 74 and 90, each stand rejected under §102 (a) as anticipated by Examsoft. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claim 15 has been amended as shown above to more clearly distinguish over Examsoft. For reasons that should be clear from the discussion of Examsoft set forth above in Section 2, claim 15 as amended patentably distinguishes over Examsoft. Accordingly, Applicants request

that the rejection of claim 15 under §102 (a) be withdrawn. Claims 16-22 and 24-28 are patentable for at least the same reasons as claim 15. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejections of these claims be withdrawn, as well.

Claim 29 has been amended as shown above to more clearly distinguish over Examsoft. For reasons that should be clear from the discussion of Examsoft set forth above in Section 2, claim 29 as amended patentably distinguishes over Examsoft. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejection of claim 29 under §102 (a) be withdrawn. Claims 30-36 and 38 - 42 are patentable for at least the same reasons as claim 29. Accordingly, Applicants also request that the rejections of these claims be withdrawn.

Claim 43 has been amended as shown above to more clearly distinguish over Examsoft. For reasons that should be clear from the discussion of Examsoft set forth above in Section 2, claim 43 as amended patentably distinguishes over Examsoft. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejection of claim 43 under §102 (a) be withdrawn.

Claim 44 has been amended as shown above to more clearly distinguish over Examsoft. For reasons that should be clear from the discussion of Examsoft set forth above in Section 2, claim 44 as amended patentably distinguishes over Examsoft. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejection of claim 44 under §102 (a) be withdrawn. Claims 45-50 and 52-58 are patentable for at least the same reasons as claim 44. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejections of these claims be withdrawn, as well.

Claim 59 has been amended as shown above to more clearly distinguish over Examsoft. For reasons that should be clear from the discussion of Examsoft set forth above in Section 2, claim 59 as amended patentably distinguishes over Examsoft. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejection of claim 59 under §102 (a) be withdrawn. Claims 60-65 and 67-73 are patentable for at least the same reasons as claim 59. Accordingly, Applicants further request that the rejections of these claims be withdrawn.

Claim 74 has been amended as shown above to more clearly distinguish over Examsoft. For reasons that should be clear from the discussion of Examsoft set forth above in Section 2, claim 74 as amended patentably distinguishes over Examsoft. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejection of claim 74 under §102 (a) be withdrawn. Claims 75-81 and 83-89 are patentable for at least the same reasons as claim 74. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejections of these claims be withdrawn, as well.

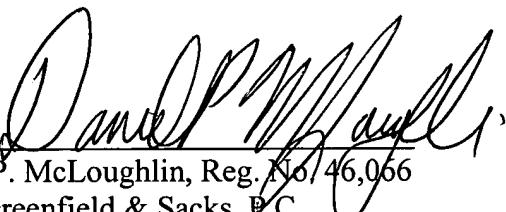
Claim 90 has been amended as shown above to more clearly distinguish over Examsoft. For reasons that should be clear from the discussion of Examsoft set forth above in Section 2, claim 90 as amended patentably distinguishes over Examsoft. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejection of claim 90 under §102 (a) be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the case in condition for allowance.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicants hereby request any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee that is not covered by an enclosed check please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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